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Route Selection For Alternate Paths In Connection-Oriented Networks  
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**Dear Examiner Nguyen:****Re: United States Patent Application No. 09/636,701 Filed August 11, 2000  
Route Selection For Alternate Paths In Connection-Oriented Networks**

Attached is our Response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 9, 2004.

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Respectfully Submitted,

John Harris

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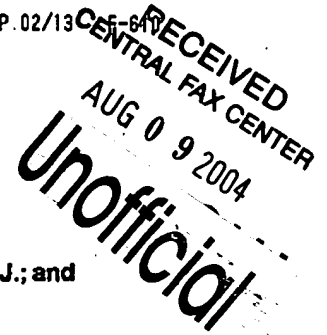
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**Response to Office Action**

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are in response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2004. The Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows.

**Amendment**

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this Amendment.